

PROPOSED REGULATIONS
18 VAC 85-101-10 et seq.

TITLE OF REGULATIONS: 18 VAC 85-101-10 et seq.: Regulations Governing the Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 54.1, Chapters 2400 and 2900, Sections 54.1-2956.8:1. and 54.1-2958:2. of the Code of Virginia

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PART I.
General Provisions.

18 VAC 85-101-10. Definitions.

In addition to definitions in § 54.1-2900, the following words and terms, when used in these regulations, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"*ACRRT*" means the American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

"*ARRT*" means the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

~~"*ASRT*" means the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.~~

"*Direct supervision*" means that a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry is present and is fully responsible for the activities performed by radiologic personnel.

"*Direction*" means the delegation of radiologic functions to be performed upon a patient from a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry to a licensed radiologic technologist or a radiologic technologist-limited for a specific purpose and confined to a specific anatomical area, that will be performed under the direction of and in continuing communication with the delegating practitioner.

"*Traineeship*" means a period of activity during which an unlicensed radiologic technologist, who is seeking licensure, works under the direct supervision of a practitioner approved by the board while waiting for the results of the licensure examination.

PART II.
Licensure Requirements -Radiologic Technologist.

18 VAC 85-101-40. Examination requirements.

- A. An applicant for board licensure by examination shall:
1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18 VAC 85-101-30.
 2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board.
- B. ~~The To qualify for licensure, the applicant shall take and pass examination for the radiologic technologist shall be the ARRT certification examination with a minimum passing score as~~ determined by the ARRT.

- C. An applicant who fails the examination shall follow the policies and procedures of the ARRT for successive attempts.

18 VAC 85-101-50. Traineeship for unlicensed graduate.

- A. An applicant who is an unlicensed graduate of an ARRT approved program may be employed as a trainee under the direct supervision of a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic or podiatry.
- B. The graduate shall submit an application for a traineeship to the board for review and approval by the Chairman of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee or his designee.
- C. The traineeship shall terminate ~~upon~~ fourteen working days after receipt by the candidate of the licensure examination results. The unlicensed graduate may re-apply for a new traineeship while awaiting to take the next examination.
- D. An unlicensed graduate may serve in a traineeship for a period not to exceed two years or through three unsuccessful attempts of the licensure examination, whichever comes first. After such time, the graduate shall apply to the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee for approval to continue in practice as a trainee.

PART III.

Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist-Limited.

18 VAC 85-101-60. ~~Application for licensure~~ Examination requirements.

- A. An applicant for licensure by examination as a radiologic technologist-limited shall submit:
 - 1. The required application and fee as prescribed by the board;
 - 2. ~~and evidence~~ Evidence of completion of training as required in 18 VAC 85-101-70;
- B. To qualify for limited licensure to practice under the direction of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, the applicant shall:
 - 1. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the ARRT on the core section of the ARRT examination for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography; and

2. Meet one of the following requirements:

a. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the ARRT on the section of the ARRT examination on specific radiographic procedures, depending on the anatomical areas in which the applicant intends to practice.

b. Until the ARRT offers an examination in the radiographic procedures of the abdomen and pelvis or for bone densitometry, the applicant may qualify for a limited license by submission of a notarized statement from a licensed radiologic technologist or doctor of medicine or osteopathy attesting to the applicant's training and competency to practice in that anatomical area as follows:

(1) To perform radiographic procedures for bone densitometry, the applicant shall have successfully performed at least 10 examinations for bone density under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.

(2) To perform radiographic procedures on the abdomen or pelvis, the applicant shall have successfully performed during the traineeship at least 25 radiologic examinations of the abdomen and/or pelvis under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. The notarized statement shall further attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.

c. When a section is added to the limited license examination by the ARRT which includes the abdomen and pelvis or bone densitometry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the ARRT on that portion of the examination.

C. To qualify for a limited license to practice under the direction of a doctor of chiropractic, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has taken and passed the appropriate examination by the ACRRT.

D. To qualify for a limited license to practice under the direction of a doctor of podiatry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has taken and passed an examination acceptable to the board.

E. An applicant who fails the examination shall be allowed two more attempts to pass the examination after which he shall reapply and take additional educational hours which meet the criteria of 18 VAC 85-101-70.

18 VAC 85-101-70. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists-limited.

- A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited shall be trained by one of the following:
1. Successful completion of a program which is directed by a radiologic technologist with a master's degree and current ARRT certification, has instructors who are licensed radiologic technologists, and has with a minimum of the following coursework:
 - a. Image Production/Equipment Operation - 25 clock hours
 - b. Radiation Protection - 15 clock hours
 - c. Radiographic procedures in the anatomical area of the radiologic technologist-limited's practice - 10 clock hours taught by a radiologic technologist with current ARRT certification or a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy podiatry or chiropractic;
 2. An ACRRT approved program; or
 3. Any other program acceptable to the board.

**PART VI.
Practice of Radiologic Technologist - Limited.**

18 VAC 85-101-130. General Requirements.

- A. A radiologic technologist-limited is permitted to perform radiologic functions within his capabilities and the anatomical limits of his training and examination. A radiologic technologist-limited is responsible for informing the board of the anatomical area or areas in which he is qualified by training and examination to practice.
- B. A radiologic technologist-limited shall not instill contrast media during radiologic examinations or perform mammography. The radiologic technologist-limited is responsible to a licensed radiologic technologist, doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry.

PART VIII.

Fees.

18 VAC 85-101-160. Fees required by the board.

- A. Unless otherwise provided, fees listed in this section shall not be refundable.
- B. ~~Application or examination~~ Initial licensure fees.
 - 1. The application fee for radiologic technologist licensure shall be \$100.
 - 2. The application fee for the radiologic technologist-limited licensure shall be \$50.
 - 3. ~~The fees for taking all required examinations shall be paid directly to the examination services.~~ All examination fees shall be determined by and made payable as designated by the board.
 - 4. ~~Upon written request from an applicant to withdraw his application for licensure by examination, a fee of \$25 shall be retained by the board of Medicine as a processing fee.~~
- C. Licensure renewal and reinstatement.
 - 1. The fee for license renewal for a radiologic technologist shall be \$75 and for a radiologic technologist-limited shall be \$25.
 - 2. An additional fee of \$25 to cover administrative costs for processing a late renewal application shall be imposed by the board.
 - 3. The fee for reinstatement of a lapsed license which has expired for a period of two years or more shall be \$50 and the respective licensure fee and shall be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
 - 4. The fee for reinstatement of a revoked license shall be \$500.
- G. Other fees.
 - 1. The application fee for a traineeship shall be \$25.
 - 2. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for licensure shall be \$10.